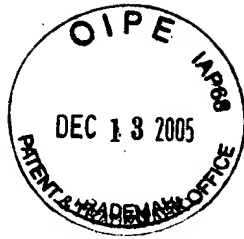


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: K.Y. Poon
JUN OIDA ET AL.	)	
	:	TC/Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/650,999	)	
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Filed: August 31, 2000	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROLLING	)	
DISTRIBUTION OF WORK AMONG	:	
APPARATUSES BASED ON	)	
APPARATUS PERFORMANCE	:	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A Notice Of Appeal And Petition For Extension Of Time was filed on July 13, 2005, to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, and to set a due date of September 13, 2005, for filing a Brief. Applicants petition to extend the time for filing a Brief for three months, from September 13, 2005, to and including December 13, 2005. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action, the Examiner is requested to amend this

application as follows:

- Amendments to the claims are presented in the listing starting on page 3; and
- Remarks are presented starting on page 12.